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Idaho Onion Production

Onion acreage harvested in Idaho is expected to total 8,100 acres, a 12 percent decrease from last year and a 10 percent decrease from 2010, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Yield is forecast at 740 cwt per acre, down 40 cwt from last year and down 20 cwt from 2010. Production is expected to decrease 16 percent from last year to 5.99 million cwt. As of September 2, 30 percent of the state's onions had been harvested. This is above the five-year average of 18 percent. Malheur County is expected to have an onion production of 7.62 million cwt, down 8 percent from last year. The yield for Malheur County is forecast at 740 cwt per acre and acreage harvested is estimated at 10,300 acres.

Nationally, summer storage onion harvest, at 99,850 acres, is up 1 percent from last year. In California, harvest was on schedule and the crop was reported to be developing well. Washington onion growers experienced a very good growing season.

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